# How you can be involved...

- Call, email, write, or fax to add your contact info to our mailing list!
- •Visit our website for information about meetings as well as to obtain a copy of the Commission's 2005 Report to the County Council!
- •Watch for our annual Community Questionnaire on the web! Fill out and return forms. Encourage your `ohana and friends to do the same!
- •Participate in our regular and annual Regional Community Meetings!



In November of 2002, 73% of Kauai's voters approved a proposed County amendment establishing the Fund Program.

In December 2003, the County Council enacted Ordinance No. 812, which describes the Fund, its purposes, and process of appropriation.

The broad and diverse conservation purposes of Ordinance No. 812 (03) expresses Kauai residents' hope that the island's special heritage sites and experiences will be preserved, the environment protected, and recreation and access opportunities expanded.



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# Public Access, Open Space, & Natural Resources Preservation Fund



Program

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#### **Commission Mission**

To record, enhance, expand, and preserve Kauai's public access, open space, and natural resources by developing priorities, recommending specific projects for public acquisition, and encouraging implementation of priority projects to benefit current and future generations.



# Vision 2005-2010

"By 2010 we have resolved long-standing public access issues, leveraged County funds to acquire priority lands and resource areas, and created an open space plan. In the process, we have engaged the community and inspired all to malama, to take care of and respect our precious lands and waters."

#### The Intent Of The Fund

The intent of the Fund is to be used to purchase or otherwise acquire lands or property entitlements, or to fund projects relating to:

- •Public outdoor recreation and education, including access to beaches and mountains;
- •**Preservation** of historic or culturally important land areas and sites;
- •**Protection** of significant habitats or ecosystems, including buffer zones;
- •Preserving forests, beaches, coastal areas and agricultural lands;
- •Protecting watershed lands to preserve water quality and water supply;
- •Conserving land in order to reduce erosion, floods, landslides, and runoff;
- •Improving disabled and public access to, and enjoyment of, public land and open space; and/or
- •Acquiring disabled and public access to public land, and open space.



# Year 1 Recommendations Based on Community Input

#### **Recommendation #1**

Resolve public accesses with operational, legal, and jurisdictional issues. Complete the dedication process for public accesses already required.

#### **Recommendation #2**

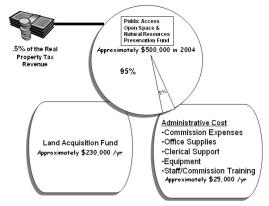
Acquire lands or easements from the "list of priority sites for possible acquisition" developed by the commission and based on public input.

## **Secondary Recommendation #1**

Sustain and improve the open space program.

# **Secondary Recommendation #2**

Develop policies which insure both appropriate public use and protection of resources.



### **Planning for the Future**

- •Formulate policies that allow different kinds and levels of use for public access and use of open spaces in order to protect both natural and cultural resources, and public safety and wellbeing.
- •Use a community-based approach to discuss solutions and develop policies to balance resource protection and use.